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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 28 January 1959

FROM : Deputy Chief, Area Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Brief organizational meetings for both sections of Free Europe - Current Problems Seminar #1 have now been held, and we have obtained use of the DCI's conference room in East Building for all four major sessions featuring guest speakers. Research topics chosen by the panels of seminar members include "Nuclear Weapons Strategy and the German Problem," "Political Implications for a NATO Strategy of Limited Nuclear Deterrent if the Geneva Talks Succeed (or Fail)," and "The Potential of the European Integration Process for Promoting the Economic Growth of the Area."
2. Bad luck, however, still plagues our search for the first guest speaker in this course, for 5 and 6 March. Almost three weeks were consumed in attempting to obtain [redacted] of the Council on Foreign Relations, through the DD/I, and my phone conversation on the 27th with [redacted] secretary revealed that he has been in the Far East for five months. Since there is now only a small chance that he will return in time to help, we are putting several irons in the fire, including a direct approach by the AD/SI to Philip J. Farley, Special Assistant to the Secretary of State for Disarmament and Atomic Energy Affairs. We consider him an ideal prospect, partly because he is an excellent speaker and would not pose a security clearance problem at this late date.
3. [redacted] and I briefed [redacted] who returned last fall on language and area training. [redacted] appeared to show a genuine interest in what we have to offer, to the point of naming names of potential candidates for particular courses. It was no surprise that this lively interest extended to the new "Saturday Special" AAO on Western Europe, despite WE's failure to send a single person to the briefing given on 17 January. On [redacted] suggestion, I am planning to brief the DC/WE directly on this and other pertinent area training matters, and will probably ask for an opportunity to do likewise at a WE staff meeting.

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- 25X1 4. [] and I have had useful conversations with FSI's area staff,
25X1 including Scott Gilbert and Frank Cash, in regard to the "new
25X1 program" [] is developing and other mutual area training prob-
25X1 lems. These talks have led to an invitation from the FSI Deputy
25X1 Director (O'Donnell) for [] and myself to join him as
well as Gilbert and Koenig for lunch on the 30th. O'Donnell
wishes to discuss mutual interests in both [] field and a
possible FSI program to work up 100-page basic country surveys
as part of an expanded area training program.



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